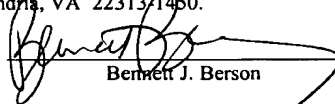




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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed August 25, 2003, please amend the application as follows: